

ACCCC Zoom Meeting – Friday, April 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Dina Avery, Heather Adams, Chelsea Green, Anna Lisa Weigel, Ashley Lyerly, Claudia Barajas, Delois Walton, Aretha Bracy, Laura Hamilton, John Waterbor, Jacky Turner, Jennifer Bail, Jennifer Hicks, Davia Adams, Janel Lowman, Jenna James, JoAnn Oliver, Justin George, Kelsey Minix, Kimberly Williams, La Tanya Hunt-Haralson, Leanne Bailey, Mary Rodgers-Brooks, Molly Bernhard Richardson, Nick Swindall, Richard Embrey, Rochelle Wallace, Sarah Tate Dunlap, Sharonda Hardy, Tara Bowman, Xuejun Shen, Tommy Johnson

10:00 a.m. – Dina Avery, Coalition Chair, opened meeting and welcomed attendees/presenters

Panel Discussion: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic among cancer survivors

- Presenters:
 - Jennifer Bail, UAH School of Nursing
 - Anna Lisa Weigel, American Cancer Society
- Study conducted in Jan 2021:
 - Purpose: to gain understanding of experiences of cancer survivors during Covid 19
 - Sent out email to 8,766 cancer survivors in Alabama asking them to participate in survey
 - 37% response rate, 2,840 responses
 - Decline in screening in all individuals regardless on individual risk during Covid pandemic
 - Could result in 80,000 cases of delayed diagnoses and estimated 10,000 deaths due to lack of screening
 - 87% decline in mammography
 - 90% decline in colonoscopy
 - 83% decline in pap smear
 - 60% decline in PSA testing
 - 39% decline in low dose CT scan for lung cancer
- ACS issuing PSA about returning to screening for breast, cervical, colorectal, and lung cancers
- Peer to peer conversations to encourage screening
- ACS 2021 messaging guidebook being sent to coalition to share with peers
- New ASCCP screening guidelines
 - Screening should start at age 21
 - Screening with cervical cytology should be done every 3 years for women 21-29
 - For women aged 30-65, screening should be done:
 - Every 3 years if by cervical cytology alone,
 - Every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing alone, or
 - Every 5 years with high-risk HPV testing in combination with cervical cytology
 - Can stop screening at age 65 or after hysterectomy if no prior abnormal pap
 - HPV vaccination status does not change screening recommendations

Speaker: HPV Updates –Tommy Johnson, DMD – State Dental Director

- Importance of HPV vaccine
 - Number of HPV infections now outnumbers all other vaccine-preventable infections combined (*i.e. pertussis, measles, etc*)
 - From oral health standpoint:
 - HPV-associated cancers in oral cavity (oropharynx, oral cavity, and larynx)
 - Oropharynx-greatest likelihood of HPV-associated cancers
 - HPV strain 16 and 18 most prevalent in oral cancers
 - 2009 – rates of oropharyngeal cancers in men surpassed rates of cervical cancers in

women

- In 2020, FDA officially approved HPV vaccine for prevention of oral cancers
- HPV vaccine messaging
 - Focus on prevention instead of mode of transmission
 - Recommended for ages 9-45 with highest effectiveness before sexual initiation
 - Anyone who received the quadrivalent vaccine can get nonavalent vaccine to protect against other strains
- “Watch Your Mouth” campaign
 - Collaborative effort between Mitchell Cancer Institute and ADPH
 - Began in 2019
 - Has been picked up by HPV vaccine manufacturer and now being promoted nationwide
 - Multi-component
 - Social media
 - Well-known buildings lit red for oral cancer awareness
 - Barons baseball team involvement
 - Pat Sullivan YouTube video
 - Proclamation signed by Governor Ivey declaring April “Oral Cancer Awareness Month”
 - Commercials
 - PSAs
 - OpEd

Committee Updates

- Early Detection – JoAnn Oliver, Kimberly Williams
 - Testicular cancer awareness month
 - Looking for collaborators to increase outreach for early detection
 - Looking into grant funding opportunities
 - Planning to create early detection videos to disseminate
- Prevention – John Waterbor, Rochelle Wallace
 - Messages for prevention: tobacco cessation and prevention (possibly involving youth), weight, diet, physical activity
 - Include racial and socioeconomic disparities in messaging
- Survivorship – Jennifer Bail, Jennifer Hicks
 - No updates provided
- Access to Care – Mary Brooks, Janel Lowman
 - Continued work to develop educational materials for access to care under the umbrella for lack of Medicaid and Medicaid expansion in Alabama
 - Planning to disseminate in Black Belt counties
 - Helping with state cancer plan for Access to Care section

Meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.